

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, comprising:
a tubular having an elongated body with a longitudinal axis, the tubular being adapted for permanent disposal within a borehole traversing the reservoir, at least one antenna disposed on the exterior of the tubular, each at least one antenna having an axis and being adapted for transmission and/or reception of electromagnetic energy;
the at least one antenna being disposed on the tubular such that its axis is tilted with respect to the axis of the tubular; and
means to activate the at least one antenna to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic energy.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least two antennas are disposed on the exterior of the tubular such that their axes are tilted with respect to the axis of the tubular.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein an insulating material is disposed between the tubular body and each at least one antenna disposed thereon.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a shield positioned on the exterior of the tubular to surround at least one antenna disposed thereon.
7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing transparency to electromagnetic energy.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
2 formed therein.

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4 9. The apparatus of claim 1, the tubular further comprising at least one slot formed along
5 its elongated body, wherein ^aat least one antenna is disposed on the tubular in
6 alignment with the at least one slot.

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8 10. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a wireline coupled to the at least one
9 antenna, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the antenna.

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11 11. An apparatus for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, comprising:
12 a tubular having an elongated body with a longitudinal axis, the tubular being
13 adapted for permanent disposal within a borehole traversing the reservoir;
14 ^{Sub}at least one antenna disposed on the exterior of the tubular, each at least one antenna
15 ²being adapted to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic energy; and
16 means to activate the at least one antenna to selectively steer the sensing direction of
17 the transmitted and/or received electromagnetic energy.

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19 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.

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21 13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the at least one antenna comprises a plurality of
22 coils having non-parallel axes.

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24 14. The apparatus of claim 11, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a
25 reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at
26 least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.

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28 15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein an insulating material is disposed between the
29 tubular body and the at least one antenna disposed thereon.
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1 16. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a shield positioned on the exterior of
2 the tubular to surround the at least one antenna disposed thereon.

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4 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
5 transparency to electromagnetic energy.

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7 18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
8 formed therein.

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10 19. The apparatus of claim 11, the tubular further comprising at least one slot formed
11 along the elongated body, wherein the at least one antenna is disposed on the tubular
12 in alignment with the at least one slot.

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14 20. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a wireline coupled to the at least one
15 antenna, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the antenna.

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17 21. An apparatus for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, comprising:
18 a tubular having an elongated body with a longitudinal axis, the tubular being
19 adapted for permanent disposal within a borehole traversing the reservoir;
20 the tubular having at least one slot formed along its elongated body;
21 at least one antenna disposed on the exterior of the tubular, each at least one antenna
22 being adapted for transmission and/or reception of electromagnetic energy;
23 wherein the at least one antenna is disposed on the tubular in alignment with the at
24 least one slot; and
25 means to activate the at least one antenna to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic
26 energy.

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28 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.
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1 23. The apparatus of claim 21, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a
2 reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at
3 least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.

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5 24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein an insulating material is disposed between the
6 tubular body and each at least one antenna disposed thereon.

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8 25. The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a shield positioned on the exterior of
9 the tubular to surround at least one antenna disposed thereon.

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11 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
12 transparency to electromagnetic energy.

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14 27. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
15 formed therein.

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17 28. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein at least two antennas are disposed on the tubular
18 such that each antenna is in alignment with a slot formed on the tubular.

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20 29. The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a wireline coupled to the at least one
21 antenna, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the antenna.

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23 30. An apparatus for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, comprising:
24 a tubular having an elongated body with a longitudinal axis, the tubular being
25 adapted for permanent disposal within a borehole traversing the reservoir;
26 at least one saddle coil disposed on the exterior of the tubular, each at least one
27 saddle coil being adapted for transmission and/or reception of electromagnetic
28 energy; and
29 means to activate the at least one saddle coil to transmit and/or receive
30 electromagnetic energy.

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2 31. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.

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4 32. The apparatus of claim 30, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a
5 reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at
6 least one saddle coil being disposed in a recessed station.

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8 33. The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a shield positioned on the exterior of
9 the tubular to surround at least one saddle coil disposed thereon.

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11 34. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
12 transparency to electromagnetic energy.

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14 35. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
15 formed therein.

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17 36. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the tubular comprises a plurality of overlaid coils
18 mounted on the exterior of the tubular.

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20 37. The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a wireline coupled to the at least one
21 saddle coil, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the coil.

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23 38. A method for monitoring a reservoir characteristic, the reservoir being traversed by a
24 borehole, comprising:

25 disposing a tubular within the borehole, the tubular having an elongated body with a
26 longitudinal axis, the tubular being adapted for permanent disposal within the
27 borehole and having at least one antenna disposed on the exterior of the tubular,
28 each at least one antenna having an axis and being adapted for transmission and/or
29 reception of electromagnetic energy;

1 disposing the at least one antenna on the tubular such that its axis is tilted with
2 respect to the axis of the tubular; and
3 activating the at least one antenna to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic energy.
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5 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.
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7 40. The method of claim 38, comprising disposing at least two antennas on the exterior of
8 the tubular such that their axes are tilted with respect to the axis of the tubular.
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10 41. The method of claim 38, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a
11 reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at
12 least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.
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14 42. The method of claim 38, wherein *a* insulating material is disposed between the
15 tubular body and each at least one antenna disposed thereon.
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17 43. The method of claim 38, further comprising mounting a shield to the exterior of the
18 tubular, the shield positioned to surround at least one antenna disposed thereon.
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20 44. The method of claim 43, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
21 transparency to electromagnetic energy.
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23 45. The method of claim 43, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
24 formed therein.
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26 46. The method of claim 38, the tubular further comprising at least one slot formed along
27 the elongated body, wherein the at least one antenna is disposed on the tubular in
28 alignment with the at least one slot.
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1 47. The method of claim 38, further comprising mounting a wireline on the outer surface
2 of the tubular and connecting the at least one antenna to the wireline.

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4 48. A method for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, the reservoir being traversed
5 by a borehole, comprising:

6 disposing a tubular within the borehole, the tubular having an elongated body with a

7 longitudinal axis and adapted for permanent disposal within the borehole;

8 disposing at least one antenna on the exterior of the tubular, each at least one
9 antenna being adapted to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic energy; and

10 selectively steering the sensing direction of the transmitted and/or received
11 electromagnetic energy.

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13 49. The method of claim 48, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.

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15 50. The method of claim 48, wherein the at least one antenna comprises a plurality of
16 coils having non-parallel axes.

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18 51. The method of claim 48, the tubular further comprising at least one station having a
19 reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external circumference, the at
20 least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.

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22 52. The method of claim 48, wherein an insulating material is disposed between the
23 tubular body and the at least one antenna disposed thereon.

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25 53. The method of claim 48, further comprising mounting a shield to the exterior of the
26 tubular, the shield being positioned around the at least one antenna.

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28 54. The method of claim 53, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
29 transparency to electromagnetic energy.
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1 55. The method of claim 53, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
2 formed therein.

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4 56. The method of claim 48, the tubular further comprising at least one slot formed along
5 the elongated body, wherein the at least one antenna is disposed on the tubular in
6 alignment with the at least one slot.

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8 57. The method of claim 48, further comprising mounting a wireline on the outer surface
9 of the tubular and connecting the at least one antenna to the wireline.

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11 58. A method for monitoring a reservoir characteristic, the reservoir being traversed by a
12 borehole, comprising:

13 disposing a tubular within the borehole, the tubular having an elongated body with a
14 longitudinal axis, the tubular being adapted for permanent disposal within the
15 borehole and having at least one slot formed along its elongated body with at least
16 one antenna disposed on the exterior of the tubular in alignment with the at least
17 one slot, each at least one antenna being adapted for transmission and/or reception
18 of electromagnetic energy; and
19 activating the at least one antenna to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic energy.

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21 59. The method of claim 58, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.

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23 60. The method of claim 58, wherein the tubular further comprises at least one station
24 having a reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external
25 circumference, the at least one antenna being disposed in a recessed station.

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27 61. The method of claim 58, wherein an insulating material is disposed between the
28 tubular body and each at least one antenna disposed thereon.
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1 62. The method of claim 58, further comprising positioning a shield on the exterior of the
2 tubular to surround at least one antenna disposed thereon.

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4 63. The method of claim 62, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
5 transparency to electromagnetic energy.

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7 64. The method of claim 62, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
8 formed therein.

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10 65. The method of claim 58, wherein at least two antennas are disposed on the exterior of
11 the tubular such that each antenna is in alignment with at least one slot formed on the
12 tubular.

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14 66. The method of claim 58, further comprising coupling a wireline to the at least one
15 antenna, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the antenna.

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17 67. A method for monitoring a characteristic of a reservoir, the reservoir being traversed
18 by a borehole, comprising:

19 disposing a tubular within the borehole, the tubular having an elongated body with a
20 longitudinal axis, the tubular being adapted for permanent disposal within the
21 borehole and having at least one saddle coil disposed on its exterior, each at least
22 one saddle coil being adapted for transmission and/or reception of electromagnetic
23 energy; and
24 activating the at least one saddle coil to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic
25 energy.

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27 68. The method of claim 67, wherein the reservoir characteristic is resistivity.
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- 1 69. The method of claim 67, wherein the tubular further comprises at least one station
2 having a reduced diameter such that a recess is formed about its external
3 circumference, the at least one saddle coil being disposed in a recessed station.
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- 5 70. The method of claim 67, further comprising positioning a shield on the exterior of the
6 tubular to surround at least one saddle coil disposed thereon.
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- 8 71. The method of claim 70, wherein the shield is formed of a material providing
9 transparency to electromagnetic energy.
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- 11 72. The method of claim 70, wherein the shield is metallic and has at least one slot
12 formed therein.
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- 14 73. The method of claim 67, further comprising overlaying a plurality of coils on the
15 exterior of the tubular.
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- 17 74. The method of claim 67, further comprising coupling a wireline to the at least one
18 saddle coil, the wireline adapted to carry a signal from or to the coil.

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